Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Roy Braunesreither was born on March 15, 1924, to Albert and Cecelia Braunesreither in rural Utica, South Dakota, the fourth of six children; and,

Whereas, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

Whereas, Roy attended a rural, one-room school near his home until the 8th grade, at which time he went to work on his father's farm; and,

Whereas, Roy served in the Army during WWII, and when the end of the war was declared, Roy returned to the farm where he lived until his retirement; and,

Whereas, Roy married Gladys Irene Jerke in 1949, in Martinus Lutheran Church of rural Utica, and to this union four children were born, Alan, Lora, Dean, and Kent, who went on to procreate 14 grandchildren, and four great-grandsons; and,

Whereas, In 1993, Roy and Gladys left the farm and moved to Yankton, Roy continues to go to the farm daily to help with chores, and he is a lifelong member of Martinus Lutheran Church; and,

Whereas, Roy will observe his 80th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as his friends and relatives gather to honor him and celebrate his life and the camaraderie of the day on March 13, 2004; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a man who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim March 15, 2004, as

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in South Dakota, and I join all his many friends and relatives in wishing him a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this First Day of March in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State